



HF Happenings



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SARL National Field Day
SARL VHF/UHF Contest
10:00 to 10:00 UTC
15 and 16 November 2014

Yes, it is almost time for the second leg of the South African Radio League National Field Day and the South African Radio League VHF/UHF contest. Remember, we did this in February.

This can be a GREAT Club activity - get a nice site where you can pitch tents and position the caravans for the weekend. Start on the Friday afternoon setting up camp with the braai for dinner! Saturday morning set-up the station and antennas (after a breakfast of French toast with bacon and ice cream). Saturday afternoon get the braai going while the guys and girls work the world. Maybe a sing-song around the campfire (muzzle the dogs before they will join in!).

Sunday morning breakfast (scrambled eggs with honey drizzled over) and then work those last stations before starting to dismantle the antennas and the station. Start that potjiekos early so that it is ready by lunch.

After lunch hitch the caravan, search for the kids and take off home (do not forget mother-in-law).

You can even try operating from A2, 3DA or 7P8 (check on that passport!)



Go on, make a weekend of it!

5 MHz Beacon Reminder

As reported in several SARL News editions over the past few weeks, the beacon frequency of 5250 kHz has been replaced by 5290 kHz. Note that it is now illegal to operate on 5250 kHz. All WSIPR operation must now only take place on the new frequency of 5290 kHz. The SSB voice frequency of 5260

kHz remains unaltered. Note that only SARL members may operate on 5 MHz as the license has been allocated to the South African Radio League

SOTA activity 12 October

It was a busy Sunday with the SOTA activations in Gauteng and the Western Cape.

In Gauteng, Theo, ZS6TVB, Pierre, ZS6PJH, and Jaco, ZR6CMG, planned to activate Bronberg, ZS/GP-012. On the day Johann, ZS6ETA, joined them. During the course of the day, Vince, ZS6BTY, and his XYL Heather, Charles, ZS5CH, and Pieter, ZS6PA joined them. Close to 100 contacts were made on HF and 2 metres.

In the Western Cape, the guys planned to be active from four summits. Helderberg West Peak ZS/WC-045; Devil's Peak ZS/WC-046; Maclear's Beacon ZS/WC-043 and Reserve Peak ZS/WC-053.

Paul, ZS1V, operated from Helderberg West Peak, ZS/WC-045 and made 30 QSOs - 9 on 40 m, 2 on 30 m, 10 on 20 m and 9 on 2 m. He also made three summit-to-summit QSOs - WC-043, WC-055 and GP-012 - and broke the



ZS distance record - WC-045 to GP-012 (ZR6CMG) 1 290 km. Previously it was 155 km, set up in June 2014.

Sybrand, ZS1SAS, activated Noord-hoekpiek, ZS/WC-055 instead of Devil's Peak ZS/WC-046. He made three 20 m and six 2 m QSOs before the weather turned nasty.

Then Wicus, ZS1WWW, and Stean, ZS1SGS, activated Maclear's Beacon ZS/WC-043 on the top of Table Mountain. I am not sure what their tally was.

Reserve Peak was not activated.

Current Summits-on-the-Air (SOTA) activities are announced at www.sotawatch.org. More SOTA information can be found at www.sota.org.uk

2015 South African Radio League Contest Manual

Geoff Levey, ZS6C, the South African Radio League Contest manager requests that members submit suggestions and/or changes to the South African Radio League contests for 2015. Geoff and his team are discussing the 2015 Contest manual. Send your input to contest@sarl.org.za by 15 November 2014.

RaDAR Contest

1 November sees the running of the second leg of the RaDAR Contest. RaDAR = Rapid Deployment Amateur Radio.

The RaDAR contest is a unique event aimed at promoting the use of Rapidly Deployable Amateur Radio stations. This contest is for all licensed radio amateurs not limited to South Africa. A choice is made prior to the contest to participate in one of the defined categories but may be changed at any time during the contest. The points system is so structured as to encourage portable operations especially moveable RaDAR stations.

The contest starts at 14:00 UTC and ends at 18:00 UTC (16:00 to 20:00 CAT) - approximately two hours during the day and two hours at night within the South African time zone.

All amateur bands, besides the WARC bands, are allowed including cross band con-

October

- 2 - SARL 80 m QSO Party
- 3 - Schools close
- 3 to 6 - The Two Oceans Hermanus Whale Festival
- 4 - Spring QRP Contest; RTA in Port Elizabeth; HABEX Launch; Yom Kippur
- 5 - RSGB 21/28 MHz Contest
- 6 - World Habitat Day
- 11 and 12 - AWA AM/SSB Contest
- 13 - Schools open
- 16 - RAE
- 17 to 19 - JOTA
- 18 - CQ Hou Koers
- 25 and 26 - CQ WW DX
- 28 - Early bird booking for the Cape Town RTA
- 31 to 2 Nov - Vredefort Dome Festival

November

- 1 - RTA in Cape Town; RaDAR Contest
- 9 - Remembrance Sunday; PEARS HF Contest
- 11 - Armistice Day
- 15 and 16 - SARL National Field Day; SARL VHF/UHF Contest
- 29 and 30 - CQ WW DX CW Contest

tacts via amateur radio satellites. Modes - CW, SSB, AM, FM or any digital mode. QSOs via terrestrial repeaters will NOT be allowed.

The RaDAR contest requires more than a minimalistic information exchange. Accurate information exchange is considered more important than a large QSO count.

Call sign, name, RS(T) Report, QTH and grid locator. Note the grid locator can change as RaDAR operators are allowed to move position at any time. The grid locator of six characters is acceptable but should preferably be accurate to 10 characters for high-precision position accuracy.

Get all the details on page 30 of the 2014 South African Radio League Contest Manual.

DXCC News

The following operation has been accepted / approved by the ARRL DXCC Desk for DXCC credit - E30FB - 17 to 22 September 2014

African Islands



IOTA frequencies

CW: 28 040 24 920 21 040 18 098 14 040 10 114 7 030 3 530 kHz

SSB: 28 560 28 460 24 950 21 260 18 128 14 260 7 055 3 760 kHz

AF-019, Lampedusa Island. (Not AF-109) Miran, S500, will operate as IG9/S500 from Punto Alaimo, Lampedusa Island, WW Loc JM65hm, until the end of November. Miran will participate in both SSB and CW CQ WW Contests as an IO9Y team member in Multi/Multi entry from Zone 33. All QSLs for IG9/S500 via his home call sign by the Bureau, direct with SASE and 2 USDs or Clublog's OQRS. Cards will be ready to print soon in 2015, LoTW later.

ZD8, Ascension Island. Marko, N5ZO, will be active as ZD8O from Ascension Island between 17 November and 2 December. Activity will be mainly in the contests. His activity in the CQ WW DX CW Contest will be Single-Op/All-Band entry. QSL via OH0XX.

VQ9, Chagos. Bob, N7XR now expects to be active as VQ9XR from Diego Garcia (AF-006), Chagos Archipelago starting "on or about 25 October." He will operate CW, RTTY and SSB on the HF bands. His original plans were for a 3-week stay on the island. He may also use the call VQ92X or VQ92XR "to provide prefix hunters a new one".

See www.wake-diego2014.org for possible updates. QSL via N7XR, direct only.

5R, Madagascar. Eric, F6ICX, will once again be active as 5R8IC from Saint Marie Island (AF-090) between 3 November and 12 December. Activity will be holiday style on all HF bands operating mainly CW, but some SSB, RTTY and PSK63, using a FT-450 with 100 watts into various GPs or Inverted-L's and a Hexbeam for 20 to 10 metres. There will be no online log during his activity. QSL via his home call sign (QRZ.com). Logs will be uploaded to ClubLog and LoTW.

ZD9, Tristan da Cunha. Members of the Italian DXpedition Team (IDT) have announced that their ZD9TT DXpedition, originally planned for September 2014, but later postponed until September 2015, due to transportation problems, has been cancelled their operation. They also state, "The Italian DXpedition Team will no longer advertise its plans in advance. We regret that this decision might affect the plans of other Teams, we feel compelled to adopt this policy due to the course of events." Visit the IDT Web page at <http://www.i2ysb.com/idt>

African DX

9J, Zambia. Celebrating the 50th anniversary of the independence of Zambia, 9J stations are allowed to use the special prefix 9I50 (Nine India Five Zero) during the month of October. Look for Brian, 9J2BO, to be active from Lusaka, Zambia as 9I50BO between 15 and 31 October 2014. He will be active on all HF bands and QSL goes via G3TEV.

CN, Morocco. Operators Roberto, EA2RY (CN2RY), Julio, EA5XX (CN2XX), Manuel, EA7AJR (CN2JR) and Antonio, EA5RM (CN2C) will be on the air from Rabat between 22 and 27 October. Activity will be on the HF bands using CW, SSB and RTTY. QSL via their home call signs. For more details, log search and updates visit <http://www.dxfriends.com/cn2014>

6W, Senegal. Sigi, DL7DF, will be active as DL7DF/6W from Somone, Senegal between 1 and 13 November. He will operate CW, SSB, RTTY, PSK31 and SSTV on 160 to 10 metres "as often as possible." QSL via home call. www.dl7df.com/6w/index.html

7P, Lesotho. "The Daily DX" reports that Nick, G3RWF, is heading back to Southern Africa for a 5-week holiday starting in Lesotho and being active as 7P8NH between 11 and 14 December. Listen for him on the higher bands on CW (no SSB). QSL via G3RWF.

Contest Calendar

This week's contests compiled by Bruce Horn, WA7BNM. The period covered is 13 to 20 October 2014

NAQCC Straight Key/Bug Sprint

00:30 - 02:30 UTC 15 October

Mode: CW

Bands: 80, 40, 20 m

Classes: (none)

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and NAQCC no or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 2 points per QSO with member

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once

Key Type Mult: 2 x if straight key, 1,5 x if bug, 1 x if other

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults x key type mult

Submit logs by: 23:59 UTC 18 October 2014

Upload log at: <http://naqcc.info/sprintlog.html>

Mail logs to: John Shannon, K3WWP, 478 E. High St., Kittanning, PA 16201, USA

Find rules at:

<http://naqcc.info/sprint201410.html>

CWops Mini-CWT Test

13:00 - 14:00 UTC, 19:00 - 20:00 UTC 15 October and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 16 October

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts;

QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: Member: Name and member no; non-Member: Name and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each call once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 04:00 UTC 18 October 2014

Post log summary at:

<http://www.hornucopia.com/3830score/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://www.cwops.org/cwt.html>

NCCC RTTY Sprint

01:45 - 02:15 UTC 17 October

Mode: RTTY

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 19 October 2014

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at:

<http://www.3830scores.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.ncccsprint.com/rtty.html>

NCCC Sprint

02:30 - 03:00 UTC 17 October

Mode: (see rules)

Bands: (see rules)

Classes: (none)

Exchange: (see rules)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 19 October 2014

E-mail logs to: (none)

Post log summary at:

<http://www.3830scores.com/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://www.ncccsprint.com/rules.html>

MCG Autumn Sprint

14:00 - 18:00 UTC 17 October

Mode: CW, SSB

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - CW, SSB or mixed - low or high; Single Op Single Band; Multi-Op

Exchange: RS(T) and Serial No.

Work stations: Once per band per mode

QSO Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 5 November 2014

E-mail logs to: ua3r@yandex.ru

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://mcg-club.ru/en/contests/autumn-sprint.html>

JARTS WW RTTY Contest

00:00 UTC 18 October to 24:00 UTC 19 October

Mode: RTTY

Bands: 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Op All Band - low or high; Multi-Multi; SWL

Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W

Exchange: RST and age of operator

QSO Points: 2 points per QSO with same continent; 3 points per QSO with different continent

Multipliers: Each DXCC entity except JA/W/VE/VK once per band; Each JA/W/VE/VK call area once per band

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 31 October 2014

E-mail logs to: log@jarts.jp

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://jarts.jp/rules2014.html>

10-10 International Fall CW Contest

00:01 UTC 18 October to 23:59 UTC 19 October

Mode: CW

Bands: 10 m Only

Classes: Individual; Club; QRP

Max power: non-QRP: >5 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: 10-10 Member: Name, 10-10 number and state, province or country; Non-Member: Name, 0 and state, province or country

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with a non-member; 2 points per QSO with a 10-10 member

Multipliers: (none)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points

Submit logs by: 3 November 2014

E-mail logs to: tentencontest@ten-ten.org

Mail logs to: Dan Morris, KZ3T, 3162 Covington Way, Lenoir, NC 28645, USA

Find rules at:

<http://www.ten-ten.org/Forms/QSO%20Party%20Rules.pdf>

Iowa QSO Party

14:00 - 23:00 UTC 18 October

Mode: CW/Digital, Phone

Bands: All, except WARC and 60 m

Classes: Single Op Fixed; Multi-Op Fixed; Single Op Mobile; Multi-Op Mobile; QRP

Max power: non-QRP: 125 Watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: IA: RS(T) and County; non-IA: RS(T) and state, province or "DX"

Work stations: Once per band per mode per county

QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW/digital QSO; 100 bonus points for a QSO with WA0DX; 100 bonus points for each QSO (up to 5) with BSA JOTA station

Multipliers: IA: Each IA county, state, province once; non-IA: Each IA county once

Score Calculation: Total score = (total QSO points x total mults) and bonus points

Submit logs by: 16 November 2014

Upload log at:

<http://www.wa0dx.org/IAQSO/SummaryEntryForm.php>

Mail logs to: Iowa QSO Party, c/o Marshall Dias, WOOTM, 614 North Court, Ottumwa, IA 52501, USA

Find rules at: <http://www.wa0dx.org/IAQSO/>

New York QSO Party

14:00 UTC 18 October to 02:00 UTC 19 October

Mode: CW, SSB, Digital

Bands: All, except WARC

Classes: Single Op - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Single - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Multi - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; School - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Mobile - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Rover - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Rookie - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; Youth (< 13 / 13 - 17) - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high; YL - CW, SSB, digital or mixed - QRP, low or high

Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: NY: RS(T) and county; non-NY: RS(T) and state, province or "DX"

Work stations: Once per band per mode
 QSO Points: 1 point per Phone QSO; 2 points per CW QSO; 3 points per Digital QSO
 Multipliers: NY: Each NY county, US state, VE province/territory once; Non-NY: Each NY county once
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 1 November 2014
 E-mail logs to: logs@nyqp.org
 Web-to-Cabrillo form:
http://www.b4h.net/cabforms/nyqp_cab.php
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
http://nyqp.org/wordpress/nyqp/2014/NY_QSO_Party_Rules_2014.pdf

Stew Perry Topband Challenge
 15:00 UTC 18 October to 15:00 UTC 19 October
 Mode: CW
 Bands: 160 m Only
 Classes: Single Op; Multi-Op
 Max operating hours: 14 hours
 Max power: HP: >100 watts; LP: 5 - 100 watts; QRP: <5 watts
 Exchange: 4-Character grid square
 QSO Points: 1 point per QSO plus 1 point per 500 km; multiply QSO points by 2 if low power station; multiply QSO points by 4 if QRP station
 Multipliers: Low power: x 1.5; QRP: x 3
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x power multiplier
 Submit logs by: 3 November 2014
 E-mail logs to: tbd@contesting.com
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at: <http://www.kkn.net/stew/>

Worked All Germany Contest
 15:00 UTC 18 October to 14:59 UTC 19 October
 Mode: CW, SSB
 Bands: (Please observe contest free band segments per the rules), 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m
 Classes: Single Op CW - low or high; Single Op Mixed - QRP, low or high; Multi-Op; SWL
 Max power: HP: >100 W; LP: 100 W; QRP: 5 W

Exchange: DL, DARC-Member: RS(T) and DOK (local area code); DL, non-DARC: RS(T) and "NM"; non-DL: RS(T) and serial no
 Work stations: Once per band per mode
 QSO Points: DL Station: 1 point per DL QSO, 3 points per EU QSO, 5 points per DX QSO; non-DL Station: 3 points per DL QSO
 Multipliers: DL Station: Each DXCC entity once per band; non-DL Station: Each DL district once per band
 Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults
 Submit logs by: 3 November 2014
 E-mail logs to: wag@dxhf.darc.de
 Upload log at:
<http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/contest/wag/logupload/>
 Mail logs to: (none)
 Find rules at:
<http://www.darc.de/referate/dx/contest/wag/en/rules/>

W/VE Islands QSO Party
 16:00 UTC 18 October to 23:59 UTC 19 October
 Mode: CW, Phone, Digital
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m
 Classes: A. W/VE Island Fixed; B. W/VE Island Expedition; C. W/VE Island Rover; D. Non-Island W/VE; E. DX; F. SWL
 Exchange: Islands: RS(T) and USI/CISA Island designation; Non-Islands: RS(T) and state, province or country
 Work stations: Once per island per mode per band
 Score Calculation: (see rules)
 Submit logs by: 30 November 2014
 E-mail logs to: ns4j@usislands.org
 Mail logs to: Jay Chamberlain, NS4J, 27 Fox Run Lane, Fredericksburg, VA 22405, USA
 Find rules at:
http://www.usislands.org/contest_rules.html

South Dakota QSO Party
 18:00 UTC 18 October to 18:00 UTC 19 October
 Mode: CW, Phone, Digital
 Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2 m
 Classes: Fixed, Rover

Max power: HP: >150 watts, LP: 150 watts, QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: SD: RS(T) and county; non-SD: RS(T) and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band per mode per county

QSO Points: 1 points per phone QSO; 2 points per CW QSO; 2 points per digital QSO; 100 bonus points for at least one QSO with NOEBC

Multipliers: SD: Each SD county, state, province, or country once only; non-SD: Each SD county once only

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults and bonus points

Submit logs by: 15 November 2014

E-mail logs to: sdqplqs@kb0sw.com

Mail logs to: NOEBC, c/o Anthony Buss, 705 S Tanglewood Ave, Sioux Falls, SD 57106, USA

Find rules at:

http://www.kb0sw.com/SDQP/page_home.html

Feld Hell Sprint

20:00 - 22:00 UTC 18 October

Mode: Feld Hell

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6 m

Classes: (none)

Max power: Standard: 100 watts; QRP: 5 watts

Exchange: (see rules)

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: (see rules)

Bonus Points: (see rules)

Multipliers: (see rules)

Score Calculation: (see rules)

Submit logs by: 25 October 2014

Upload log at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<https://sites.google.com/site/feldhellclub/Home/contests/sprints/spooky-sprint>

Asia-Pacific Fall CW Sprint

00:00 - 02:00 UTC 19 October

Mode: CW

Bands: 20, 15 m

Classes: Single Op

Max power: AP: 150 W; non-AP: legal limit

Exchange: RST and serial no

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO

Multipliers: Each prefix once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 26 October 2014

E-mail logs to: apsprint@jsfc.org

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at:

<http://jsfc.org/apsprint/aprule.txt>

Illinois QSO Party

17:00 UTC 19 October to 01:00 UTC 20 October

Mode: CW/digital, Phone

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10, 6, 2 m

Classes: Fixed; Mobile; Portable; Rover; Non-IL

Exchange: IL: RS(T) and County; non-IL: RS(T) and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per band per mode per county

QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW/digital QSO

Multipliers: IL Stations: Each IL county, state, VE province once; IL Stations: Each DXCC country (max of 5) once; non-IL Stations: Each IL county once

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 19 November 2014

E-mail logs to: n9jf@arrl.net

Mail logs to: WIARC, PO Box 3132, Quincy IL 62305-3132, USA

Find rules at:

<http://www.w9awe.org/ILQP%202014%20Rule%20s.pdf>

Run for the Bacon QRP Contest

01:00 - 03:00 UTC 20 October

Mode: CW

Bands: 160, 80, 40, 20, 15, 10 m

Classes: Single Band; All Band

Max power: 5 watts

Exchange: RST, state, province or country and member no or power

Work stations: Once per band

QSO Points: 1 point per QSO with non-member; 3 points per QSO with member on

same continent; 5 points per QSO with member on different continent

Multipliers: Each state, province or country once; Multiply mults by 2 if >50 members worked

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 26 October 2014

E-mail logs to: (none)

Upload log at:

<http://fpgrp.org/pigrun/autolog.php>

Mail logs to: (none)

Find rules at: <http://fpgrp.org/pigrun/>

ARRL School Club Roundup

13:00 UTC 20 October to 23:59 UTC 24 October

Mode: CW/RTTY/Digital, Phone

Bands: All, except 60, 30, 17, 12 m

Classes: Single Op (I); Club/Multi-Op (C); School Club/Group (S)

Max operating hours: 24 hours total; 6 hours out of any 24-hour period with off times of at least 30 minutes

Exchange: RS(T), Class (I/C/S) and state, province or country

Work stations: Once per mode

QSO Points: 1 point per phone QSO; 2 points per CW/RTTY/digital QSO

Multipliers: States, VE provinces, DXCC countries and (2 x class C QSOs) and (5 x class S QSOs)

Score Calculation: Total score = total QSO points x total mults

Submit logs by: 8 November 2014

Post log summary at:

<http://www.b4h.net/arrlscr/>

Mail logs to: School Club Roundup, c/o LIMARC, PO Box 392, Levittown, NY 11756, USA

Find rules at:

<http://www.arrl.org/school-club-roundup>

Next Week's Contests

ARRL School Club Roundup, 13:00 UTC 20 October to 23:59 UTC 24 October

SKCC Sprint, 00:00 - 02:00 UTC 22 October

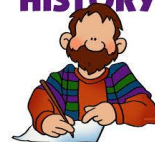
CWops Mini-CWT Test, 13:00 -14:00 UTC, 19:00 -20:00 UTC 22 October and 03:00 - 04:00 UTC 23 October

RSGB 80 m Club Sprint, SSB, 19:00 -20:00 UTC 23 October

NCCC Sprint, 02:30 -03:00 UTC 24 October

CQ Worldwide DX Contest, SSB, 00:00 UTC 25 October to 24:00 UTC 26 October

HISTORY



History this Week

Week starting 13 October 2014

1855 - Sir George Grey visited the Orange Free State while he was the governor of the Cape Colony. On 13 October 1855, he donated a sum of money towards the establishment of an institution for higher education - known today as Grey College

1872 - The world's largest gold nugget (215 kg) was found in New South Wales

1878 - The Edison Electric Light Company is incorporated

1884 - Greenwich was adopted as the universal meridian

1884 - George Eastman patents paper-strip photographic film

1906 - Dr Lee DeForest demonstrates his radio tube

1908 - The first aeroplane flight in England was made by Samuel Cody, an American

1921 - Charles Strite patents the pop-up toaster

1922 - The British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) established

1953 - Samuel Bagno patents a burglar alarm that uses ultrasonic or radio waves

1956 - England's first large scale nuclear power station opens

2005 - Grey College celebrates its 150th anniversary

The 90th anniversary of the first amateur radio contact in the Czech Republic (former Czechoslovakia) will be celebrated on 8 November 2014. Find more information on www.crk.cz/ENG/SPOLKYE. From 1 to 15 November the special station OL90OK will be active, visit www.crk.cz/ENG/node/1454.